

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Wigington [Wigington?] S32600

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State of Alabama Pickens County} SS

On this 11th day of December 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the County Court of said County of Pickens, being a court of record having by law a seal & clerk, George Wigington a resident of said County of Pickens & State of Alabama, aged Seventy one years on the 17th of January last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- That he was born in Kershaw district in the State of South Carolina on the 17th of January 1762, that he has no record of his age, or of the time of his birth, the record kept by his parents was destroyed when their house was burned, that the above statement as to the time & place of his birth, he received from his parents, & believes it to be true. That afterwards he resided in Burke county in the State of Georgia, & in the year 1777 he thinks in the month of September he first entered the service of the United States, then being a resident of said Burke county, as a substitute for Robert French, under Captain Larkin Inman who commanded a company ordered to guard the Frontiers of Georgia, against the invasions of the then hostile Creek Indians & British, from a Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel ___ Twiggs [John Twiggs] under the command of General Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] -- That he served four months, the time for which he was engaged, & was regularly discharged by parole, written discharges were not customary in that service -- That he & the said company were stationed on the Ogeechee River in said Burke County, during the whole term of service, no marching except scouting parties -- That he was in no battles during the above service, there were no regular troops with the said company. That during the said service he was not employed in any civil pursuit. That in the early part of the year 1778 he removed to Laurens district in the State of South Carolina, and in the autumn of the same year again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, under Captain John Burns who commanded a company ordered out by legal authority, from a Regiment in said district commanded by Colonel James Williams, & at that time under the command of General Andrew Williamson when he was considered to be a true Whig. That the object of raising the company was to defend & protect the country against the ravages & destructive assaults of the Tories & Cherokee Indians -- That the said company was called a scouting party, continued a greater part of the time within the said Laurens district & part of the time stationary, there were no regular troops with them -- That he was two months in this service, being the term for which he volunteered, & was regularly discharged by parole, written discharges were not given -- That he was in no battle or battles during the said last

mentioned service & was engaged in no civil pursuit during the said term of two months -- That in the month of December 1780 still being a resident of the said Laurens district he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Captain Lewis Duvall, who commanded a company ordered out by legal authority, & destined to join the troops then under the command of General Daniel Morgan. That on their march to join the said troops he was in a battle at Jones mill in Union district in South Carolina, against Tories then under the command of Major Zachariah Gibbs -- That in this battle they were successful & and that afterwards he with the said company pursued their march until they joined the troops under the command of General Morgan, about twelve miles from the Cowpens, the place of the noted battle called "The battle of the Cowpens" or "Tarleton's Defeat" [January 17, 1781]¹ -- That he was on guard during the said battle & afterwards detailed as one of the guard to convey the prisoners to Salisbury, which service he performed -- That he did not enter this service for any specified time, there being no specific time required -- That he served the term of three months, & was regularly discharged by parole, written discharges were not given -- That he with the said last mentioned company was attached to a Regiment [Little River Regiment] commanded by Colonel Joseph Hayes under General Morgan -- Colonel William Washington commanded the Cavalry at the Battle of the Cowpens -- Colonel __Howard [John Eager Howard] commanded the regular Infantry -- He does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services -- After the revolutionary war he states that he removed to Greenville district of South Carolina, this removal was in 1793 - - That from said last mentioned district he removed to Madison County in the State of Alabama in December 1817 thence in December 1819 he removed to St. Clair County, thence in December 1830 he removed to Pickens County in the said State of Alabama where he has ever since resided & still resides -- That he is known to Charles Stewart a clergyman & John Mangum who are here to testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his Services as a soldier of the revolution -- That he is also known to William O. Daniel, Purvis Johnson, James D. Stanton, Richard Jones, Freeman Jones Senior & others all of whom reside at this time in his neighborhood & would testify to his character & belief of his services as aforesaid. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid

S/ George Wiggington, X his mark

[Charles Stewart, a clergyman, and John Mangum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Mississippi Monroe County} SS

On this 21st day of June 1841 before me the subscriber Judge of the Probate Court for said County of Monroe Personally appeared George Wiggington of said County who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Lewis Duvall in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Williams [James Williams] & Haise [sic, Joseph Hayes] -- in the service of the United States: That his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Alabama from whence he has lately removed: That he now resides in the State of Mississippi, Monroe County, where he intends to remain: and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future, the following are his Reasons for removing from Alabama (to wit) I sold my land in Alabama & removed to Mississippi with my sons --

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 21st day of June 1841

S/ Richard Dilworth, Judge of Probate

S/ George Wigington, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for 9 months service in the Georgia line.]

[Note: There is no indication that this veteran filed a claim against the State of South Carolina for services rendered in the Revolution, there being no Audited Account under his or any similar name.]